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**Editor's Note: The attached document contains the mission statement and information regarding the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force.**

## **Senator Brown Announces Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force Mission Statement**

**(LANSING)** – State Senator Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, today announced the mission statement of the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force, a senate committee responsible for reviewing the state of Michigan's current recycling program.

“This task force is organized with the intention of reviewing Michigan's current recycling program in order to make recommendations to the Legislature on how it may best be restructured to protect our environment for future generations,” said Brown, task force chairman. “The mission statement will guide us in our endeavor to ensure that Michigan's recycling program is elevated to one of the best in the nation.”

The task force will tentatively conduct eight hearings across the state beginning in February, with the first two meetings to be held between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. February 17 in Grand Rapids and March 3 in Oakland County.

Other cities expected to host the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force include: Coldwater, Port Huron, Saginaw, Adrian, Gaylord, Sault Ste. Marie and Lansing. Dates and times for those locations will be announced at a later date.

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# MICHIGAN BEVERAGE CONTAINER AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Background**

Michigan voters adopted the state's Beverage Container Law as a citizen's initiative in 1976 in order to help curb the state's significant litter problem. In addition to helping reduce litter, the Beverage Container Law has served as a key component in a statewide recycling plan. Even so, Michigan currently ranks in the bottom half of all states in recycling. Article IV, Section 52 of the Michigan Constitution, mandates that the legislative branch establish programs to protect our natural resources from pollution, impairment, or destruction.

### **Purpose of the Task Force**

*The mission of the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force is to review the state's current recycling programs and to evaluate the impact of Michigan's Beverage Container Law on statewide recycling along with its effects on the consumer, business and the environment.*

*The task force will make recommendations to the Legislature shaped largely by input received from Michigan citizens across the state. The task force will issue a report on possible ways to improve or expand Michigan's Beverage Container Law if needed and/or consider new approaches to encourage recycling.*

### **Meeting & Field Site Venues**

Mondays between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

February 17	Grand Rapids
March 3	Oakland County

Other locations (dates to be determined): Coldwater, Port Huron, Saginaw, Adrian, Gaylord, Sault Ste. Marie, Lansing

### **Task Force Composition**

The Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader and is chaired by Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township. Members are Sen. Patty Birkholz, Sen. Mike Bishop, Sen. Alan Cropsey, Sen. Jud Gilbert, and Sen. Michelle McManus.